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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The control unit 4 thus supplies the mode signal SM to the input unit 2 and the comparator unit 3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 6-113290 (1994), 7-250328 (1995) and 10-79947 (1998), for example, disclose motion vector detecting devices which have the operational unit 1, the input unit 2, and the comparator unit 3 as the basic components and detect the motion vector on the basis of the absolute differences between the template data DX and the search window data DY.

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